

Event Vetting

Government employees, particularly high-level officials like United States Attorneys, are subject to ethical restrictions governing the types of events they may attend. Some restrictions relate to benefits, including luncheons, dinners and tokens of appreciation, they may accept. Other restrictions relate, among other things, to participation in events that are sponsored by persons who do business with or lobby the Government; that have a fundraising component; where it may appear that official attendance is being used to promote the event or the sponsor; or where elected officials may be in attendance. To assist us in vetting compliance with government ethical restrictions, we would appreciate it if you could provide the following information. If you do not have specific information for each response, please provide such general or descriptive information as you currently have. Please do not hesitate to call the Office's Government Ethics Advisor, (b)(6), (b)(7)c at (b)(6), (b)(7)c or e-mail him at (b)(6), (b)(7)c to discuss this.

- Name, date and time, and location of event.

The 2013 Human Rights Summit, December 4-5, 2013 (U.S. Attorney is invited to participate in a panel on December 5, at 3:30pm); The Knight Conference Center at the Newseum, Washington, D.C.

- Format of event (*e.g.*, cocktails; presentations; speeches; and/or meal).

Presentations/speeches; a buffet luncheon is included in the event agenda several hours prior to the panel in which the U.S. Attorney is invited to participate.

- Estimated cost per attendee of event.

There is no admission fee for attendees. The estimated cost to the sponsoring organization for a person attending both days of the Summit is \$45.00.

- Are any attendees being charged to attend the event? If so, who (in general) is being offered free attendance, and who is expected to pay?

No one is being charged.

- Name of entity extending the invitation and link to web site (if any).

Human Rights First www.humanrightsfirst.org

- Does the entity extending the invitation engage in lobbying?

Yes.

- Sponsor of event if different from above.

N/A

- Does the sponsor of the event engage in lobbying?

N/A

- Names of additional entities that will be recognized for sponsorship or support of the event.

N/A

- How many persons are expected to attend?

400

- Demographics of expected attendees (*e.g.*, lawyers; law enforcement; business leaders; students; etc.)

Policymakers, attorneys, business leaders, NGO leaders, students

- Are any elected officials expected to attend and, if so, what is their expected role?

Yes. We will have elected officials participating in the panel discussions and delivering keynote addresses

- Fundraising: component (*e.g.*, programs; dinner ticket price)

N/A

- o Via dinner tickets or advance tickets to the event? Please describe.
N/A
- o Via program advertisement or similar advance solicitation? Please describe.
N/A
- o Will there be any solicitation of funds at the event? Please describe.
N/A

•Expected role of U.S. Attorney (*e.g.*, simple attendance; remarks; speech)

We hope to have the U.S. Attorney participate in a panel discussion about transnational criminal organizations

- o If the U.S. Attorney is being honored, who else is expected to be honored?
N/A
- o If the U.S. Attorney is making a presentation, who else is expected to be making a presentation/be on a panel?
 - (b)(6), (b)(7)c Executive Director of the Conflict Awareness Project
 - (b)(6), (b)(7)c – OFAC (invited)
 - (b)(6), (b)(7)c – INTERPOL (invited)
 - (b)(6), (b)(7)c – Center for Investigative Reporting (invited)

•Any special seating arrangements for U.S. Attorney (*e.g.*, dais, general seating—depending on the nature of the event, the U.S. Attorney may or may not be able to accept “dais” seating.)

U.S. Attorney would be seated on a raised platform along with other panelists

•Please describe what if any award/presentation the U.S. Attorney will receive

- ☒ nothing
- ☐ plaque or other memento of little intrinsic value
- ☐ other. Please describe, including its value: _____

•Promotion of the event: please provide a copy of or link to the invitation/promotional material for the event (or if not available, for the prior year’s event).

<http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/media-room/events/2012-hr-summit/>